*vide* his letter dated 6th May, 2006 has suggested merger of BHPV with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) as a subsidiary unit.

(c) Government of India has been making efforts for revival of the company and a revival package based on study of Consultants was submitted to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE). Meanwhile, M/s. Engineers India Limited (EIL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) have evinced interest in taking over of BHPV and sought permission from the Government for conducting due diligence study of the company. These companies have been permitted for conducting due diligence study. Their reports are awaited. The BRPSE considered the proposal for revival of BHPV on 26.5.2006 and directed that a proposal may be submitted to it again on receipt of the report of due diligence exercise by these companies. On receipt of recommendations of BRPSE, Government will take further decision in the matter.

(d) to (f) There is no formal classification of Industry as 'heavy'. However, there is no proposal at present to set up any new unit in the Public Sector under the Department of Heavy Industry in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**Committee on revival of sick PSEs**

1579. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government constituted any Committee in order to revive the sick Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Committee has completed its assigned work;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to scrap the panel; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government *vide* resolution dated 6.12.2004 constituted a Board for

Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) to address the task of strengthening, modernizing, reviving and restructuring of public sector enterprises and to advise the Government on strategies, measures and schemes related to them.

(c) and (d) As on 31.7.2006 proposals in respect of 47 cases of CPSEs were referred to BRPSE by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments. The board has considered the proposals of 41 cases of CPSEs and given its recommendations in respect of 32 cases. The Board has remitted the remaining 9 cases to the Administrative ministries/departments for further information. Competent authority has approved revival of 18 CPSEs and closure of one CPSE namely Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Development of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company**

†1580. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not developing Bharat Wagon & Engineering company Ltd. at Muzaffarpur (Bihar) which has the capacity of production and is under heavy Industries;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is being handed over to the Ministry of Railways;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The production at Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Ltd. (BWEL) had stopped in November, 2003 due to industrial unrest and acute shortage of working capital. Production was resumed in October 2004 with the assistance from the Indian Railways and the Department of Heavy Industry. All out efforts are being made to enhance production and productivity in BWEL.

(c) to (d) No such proposal has been approved by the Government.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.